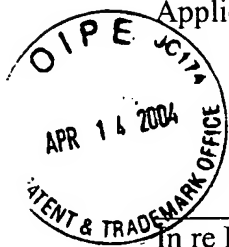


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In response to the Final Office Action dated November 11, 2003 (Paper No. 11), finally rejecting claims 2-4, 8, 11 and 12, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: